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From The Director

Don Allen, Hamilton County Emergency Services

The County is providing mandatory management classes for all levels of supervision within Hamilton County Government.

While attending the first class, our instructor broke the room down into groups. There were twenty-six people in our class, which were broken down into tables with four to five people per table. He then gave instructions that he was going to bring to each table a clear plastic box containing a variety of items. We were told that we would have twenty seconds to view into the box, identify the items we saw, and then write them on a piece of paper. Each person did this separately. He then surveyed each person at each table to obtain the number of items they correctly identified in the box. It's interesting to note that there were approximately forty items in the box. I successfully identified eight of those items and wrote them down within the twenty second time frame. As it turned out, the average person identified eight items too. He then gave instructions for each table to develop a plan to work together as a Team in preparation to view another box and identify the items. Each table formulated their own plan for which we were given several minutes to do so. He then brought a new box around to each individual table. The group outcome revealed overwhelming results compared to the individual results in the first exercise. Out of approximately forty items in the box, the average group successfully identified thirty-three to thirty-eight items. You have heard the old expression "That two heads are better than one", and in the example above, I saw firsthand that four or five heads are much better than one.

I would ask that you read this and take it to heart. Don't attempt to do everything on your own when you have professional Team members all around you. We can accomplish so much more working together as a Team.

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ATTENTION!

Welcome New Medics to EMS!!

A Team:

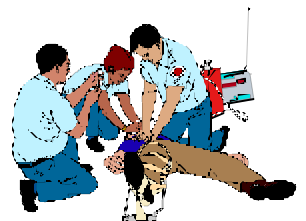
Reed Durst & Brandon Gray

C Team:

Gary Cross & Bradley Davenport

PART TIME:

Nathan Arp, Chera Parson, Jared Pelham, Patrice Schermerhorn





SAFETY NEWS

2 Chefs Serve Up the “Dish of Life”

By: Amy Maxwell

Sunday, September 22, 2002, was not just another day in the kitchen for Chef Dennis Kinsey and Chef Mike Fundbark from the Honor's Country Club. Little did these 2 chefs know, as they headed to the Honor's Course, that they would be serving the dish of life!

Members of the Honor's Course were having breakfast in the dining room when a gentleman started to cough and choke on his food. An Honor's Course employee went to the kitchen and ask the chefs to help this gentleman in the dining room. The two chefs raced to the dining room and found the gentleman not breathing and his face was turning blue in color. The Chefs, Kinsey and Fundbark proceeded to place the gentleman on the floor and checked his airway, breathing and circulation. Nothing was present. They called 9-1-1 and activated the Automatic External Defibrillator. Following the instructions administered from the AED, a shock was given to the patient. The gentleman's pulse returned and he began to breathe again. Hamilton County EMS transported the patient to Erlanger Medical Center for further treatment.

“We have had some members and guests experience heat exhaustion but nothing like this” said Jerry Daily, Manager of the Honor's Course. Daily explained how Captain Darlene Poole, Hamilton County Emergency Medical Services, comes to the Honor's Course and train the employees on First Aid, Automatic External Defibrillators and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

Daily explained, “this incident at the Honor's Course last weekend has shown myself as well as my employees that the Automatic External Defibrillator works and can save a life. Every business should have one”.

Team Up for Fire Safety™

**Fire Prevention Week
October 6 - 12, 2002**



Information Obtained By: The National Fire Protection Agency



The most common causes of residential fires are electrical and cooking equipment.



The Smokey the Bear campaign, created in 1944, is the longest running public service campaign in U.S. history.



Most residential fires occur during the winter months (December - February).



Most fire deaths result from smoke inhalation rather than burns.

FIELD SERVICES

By: Lt. Buddy Kamin

Aircraft Fire & Rescue, is a specialty. Whether you are a First Responder or HazMat Technician, airplanes are a closed container with passengers and to ensure "effective rescue", you must obtain special training. An aircraft is a flying gas station carrying hundreds of pounds of fuel, hydraulic fluid, and an assortment amount of



chemicals. So, one maybe dealing with a "mix bag of tricks".

Every year, Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Fire and Rescue attends Airport Fire Training Academy in Lexington, Kentucky to practice and

sharpen their skills. This year, Hamilton County Emergency Services was invited to attend this academy.

This class involved a "live" simulated 747 airplane crash with fuel spill and fire. Search and rescue was simulated in temperatures about 900 degrees Fahrenheit. The class also required each of us to make an effective entrance and exit points and to extinguished fire in the engine and wheel area.

Other agencies invited to the Academy were Hamilton County HazMat , Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department , Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department , East Ridge Fire Department , and Chattanooga Fire Department,

Special thanks to Chief Moses, Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Fire and Rescue, for allowing myself and the other agencies to attend and participate in an excellent Fire Training Academy.



The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Rescue Service hosted the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads on October 3-5, 2002 at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo.



Photo By: Amy Maxwell

Twenty rescue organizations from surrounding cities/counties of Tennessee competed in the Vehicle Extrication. It was a very exciting moment at Saturday night Banquet when Chattanooga-Hamilton County took **FIRST PLACE** honors in this event.

Special thanks go to Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department , Hamilton County STARS, and Volunteer State for helping our organization host this event. A special Memorial service was held Saturday morning, Hamilton County Executive, Claude Ramsey, welcomed and thanked everyone for their dedication to the State of Tennessee.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County is also celebrating it's 65th year of service to the community.

Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department Receives Federal Grant



Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department has received "great news" from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). That Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department will receive a Federal Grant of \$190,526.00 this year.

Charles Harris, Chief of Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department, said, " we will be able to buy new equipment for our department. The money will be spent on new air-packs and turnout gear." Chief Harris also explained that this is the first time Highway 58 VFD has received a grant from the federal government.

Highway 58 VFD was established in 1974 and has four stations throughout the Highway 58 / Harrison area and has a staff of 69 volunteer personnel. "Our fire department covers 112 square miles and responds to 672 emergency calls a year. Fire equipment wears out fast. This grant will help us tremendously" said Chief Harris.

EMS NEWS

STUDENT AWARENESS IS INCREASING IN EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL

Since 9/11, our nation has taken a step back and re-evaluated the jobs of emergency services personnel. EMS, Firemen and Police Officers have been labeled as “Nation’s Heroes” to adults and children. “We have seen a significant increase in the amount of calls requesting Hamilton County EMS personnel to visit with their school and interact with the children” said Chief Ken Wilkerson, HCEMS. Amy Maxwell, PIO for Hamilton County Emergency Services, said, “the children just love it! They seem to be fascinated with all the ambulance equipment. I think these children get a sense of relief when they realize that an ambulance is not a “scary” place! It is a place where they can receive special care in an emergency situation”.



Photo By: Amy Maxwell

TRAUMA CALL OF THE MONTH

August 2002:

B-Team:

Jerry McDonald & Frank Robinson

Nature of Call:

Unresponsive/Allergic Reaction

September 2002:

C-Team

Mark Puglise & Brenda Wallin

Nature of Call:

MVA/Head Injury

CONGRATULATIONS!

MEDICAL CALL OF THE MONTH

August 2002:

A-Team

Shannon King & Kevin Womac

Nature of Call:

Chest Pain

September 2002:

B-Team

Robert Brackett & Bobby Brinkley

Nature of Call:

Cardiac Arrest

CONGRATULATIONS!

EMERGENCY STATS FOR AUGUST—OCTOBER 2002

EMS CALLS: 3,847

COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE: 709

Provided by: Hamilton County Emergency Services
Communications



MEDIC'S MESS HALL

COCONUT FRIED SHRIMP

1/2 Lb. Unpeeled Med. Sized shrimp
3/4 C Pancake Mix
3/4 C Beer
Vegetable Oil
1/4 C Flour
1 C Flaked Coconut

Peel shrimp, leaving the tails intact. Devein if desired. Combine Pancake mix and Beer into a small bowl. Stir until smooth. Pour oil to depth of 2 inches into a dutch oven : Heat to 350 degrees. Dredge shrimp in flour. Shake off excess. Dip shrimp into batter;

Dredge in the coconut. Fry on each side for about 45 seconds or until golden brown. Drain excess oil on a paper towel.

*** This recipe is as close to the coconut shrimp served at "THE OUTBACK or RED LOBSTER".

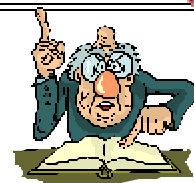
Apricot Sauce for Dipping

1 C Apricot Preserves
1 4oz. Jar of diced pimentos, drained
2 1/2 T white vinegar

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over med. Heat. Reduce heat and simmer 3 minutes. Stir occasionally.

DATES TO REMEMBER

LOCAL TRAINING EVENTS



November: Radiological Response

December: Blood borne & Airborne Pathogens

January: Emergency Assessment and Management of
Acute Strokes

DID YOU KNOW:

In the United States, approximately 700,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year; 1/3 die, 1/3 become disabled, and 1/3 recover. There are over 3,000,000 stroke survivors in the U.S. today. The current cost in the U.S. is estimated to be over \$50 billion a year. A Thrombolytic agent gives the patient a fighting chance against stroke. However, the decision to administer t-PA can only be made after a CT-scan of the brain has been completed. It gives the patient a total of 3 hours from onset of symptoms to truly be eligible for the therapy. In 2003, all area medical personnel will be trained to recognize the stroke patient and enter them into the stroke care system, promptly. This includes First Responders, EMT's, Paramedic's, LPN's, RN's, Emergency Department Physicians. The date that has been established to have most elements in place is April 30, 2003. After implementation of this program, this will make the area one of the few in the country pioneering the way to take better care of our stroke patients.

Continue to watch for upcoming courses and information.

Thank you,

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LEPC NEWS

Wayne Stuntz: LEPC Secretary & Treasurer

On behalf of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee, we would like to thank Bruce Garner, CFD, for serving as Chairman for the past 2 years.

LEPC has recently welcomed aboard the 2002 LEPC Chairperson, Jamie Farrow.



Chief Jim Coppinger presents Bruce Garner with a plaque commending his 2 years of service as Chairman of the LEPC.